

Preface

2004 King County Comprehensive Plan Update The Executive Recommended Plan March 1, 2004

Background

The King County Comprehensive Plan guides growth and development in the unincorporated areas of King County and sets county policy on major issues like annexations, transportation and environmental protection.

Small routine or technical changes can be made to the plan once each year, but bigger changes, including those that affect policy and the Urban Growth Area (UGA), can be made only once every four years. This is the plan's second major update. The changes this year will also satisfy a requirement in the State Growth Management Act (GMA) that the county's UGA be reviewed every ten years.

This plan represents the culmination of a year-long process that began on March 1, 2003, with the submittal to the King County Council of the Executive Proposed Scope-of-Work Motion for the 2004 Comprehensive Plan Update. This motion (Motion No. 11697) was adopted by the King County Council on April 28, 2003, and is the foundation for the changes in 2004.

The Public Review Draft

A series of four public meetings was held during spring 2003 combined with numerous presentations to the Unincorporated Area Councils. The Public Review Draft of the Comprehensive Plan, released on November 1, 2003, was the subject of another series of public meetings throughout the county. Hundreds of citizens attended these meetings and many submitted comments on issues of concern and support. These comments informed the development of the Executive Recommended Plan.

The Executive Recommended Plan

Part I of this document shows proposed changes to the policies and text of the Comprehensive Plan. The changes are depicted in 'legislative format' with new language underlined and deleted language (~~crossed-out~~). The eight maps contained in this plan have been updated to reflect proposed changes to land use.

Part II includes the nine land use and zoning amendments. Maps depicting each proposed amendment are included.

The Companion Documents

- Amendments to the King County Zoning Code and Development Regulations. The GMA requires that development regulations be consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan.
- The Technical Appendices. The following technical appendices have been updated: capital facilities, housing, transportation, and the analysis of the Urban Growth Area.
- Background and analytical material: This includes the land use and area zoning studies considered as part of the planning process, the analysis of the proposed policy amendments, and a summary of the public process undertaken by the Executive staff.

Where to Find the Executive Recommended Plan

The plan and all supporting documents are available on the Comprehensive Plan Website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/ddes/compplan> and at several King County libraries. Documents are also available at the Department of Development and Environmental Services at the address below.

What Happens Next

The King County Council will now commence its review of the proposed amendments to the King County Comprehensive Plan. The council will review the plan during the spring and summer with approval expected later in the year.

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